

STATE OF OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
50 WEST TOWN STREET  
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In re Suitability of: : JUDITH L. FRENCH  
**JAMES OVENS** : Director/Superintendent  
NPN: 17358971 :  
TO BE LICENSED AS AN OHIO :  
INSURANCE AGENT : ORDER  
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On January 29, 2021, the Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Insurance (“Superintendent”) issued James Ovens (“Ovens”) a notice of the Superintendent’s intent to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew his resident insurance agent license, and informed Ovens of his right to a hearing on the matter if timely requested (“Notice”). Ovens was served with a copy of the Notice via certified mail on February 3, 2021. Ovens did not request a hearing.

Upon consideration of the Department’s records of Ovens’ activities and the factors set forth in R.C. 3905.14, the Superintendent makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. Ovens holds an active Ohio resident insurance agent license.
2. R.C. 3905.14(B)(6) provides that the Superintendent may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license of an insurance agent for having been convicted of a felony. On or about October 20, 2020, Ovens was convicted of Conspiracy to Operate an Illegal Gambling Business, a felony.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

Pursuant to the authority granted in R.C. 3905.14(D), James Ovens’ Ohio resident insurance agent license is hereby revoked.

Dated: April 8, 2021

*Judith L. French*

JUDITH L. FRENCH  
Director/Superintendent

**NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS**

This Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Department of Insurance (“Department”), Attn: Hearing Program Administrator, 50 West Town St., Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215, setting forth the order appealed from and stating that the Department’s Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the appeal beyond the statement that the Department’s Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal shall also be filed by the party desiring the appeal with the appropriate court of common pleas. Such Notice of Appeal shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the Department’s Order as provided in R.C. 119.12. In filing a Notice of Appeal with the Department or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original notice or a copy of the original notice.